

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 26 as indicated in Appendix A. The amended claim then reads as follows:

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26. (Amended) A composition comprising a first member of a binding pair directly or indirectly attached to fluorescein and a second member of the binding pair directly or indirectly attached to cyanine 5, wherein the first and second members of the binding pair are associated so that the fluorescein and cyanine 5 are in fluorescence resonance energy transfer proximity to each other, wherein said binding pairs are selected from the group consisting of antigen-antibody, biotin-avidin, biotin-streptavidin, hormone-hormone binding protein, receptor-ligand, IgG-protein A, lectin-carbohydrate, enzyme-enzyme cofactor, enzyme-enzyme inhibitor, enzyme-substrate and fragments or analogs thereof.